

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1327

Introduced by Assembly Member Bass

February 27, 2009

An act relating to the State Capitol Sustainability Initiative Task Force.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1327, as introduced, Bass. State Capitol Sustainability Initiative Task Force.

Existing law authorizes the Director of General Services to repair and alter buildings within the Capitol area, as defined.

This bill would express the Legislature's intent to establish the State Capitol Sustainability Initiative Task Force by partnering with the Office of the Governor and the Office of the Lieutenant Governor and to enter into a memorandum of understanding to further the sustainability practices at the State Capitol Building.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares the
2 following:

3 (1) The State Capitol Building is almost 140 years old, having
4 opened in 1869. In the mid-1970s, the State Capitol Building
5 underwent a major restoration, reopening to the public in 1982.
6 As the state's most historic and visible structure, the State Capitol
7 Building presents a singular opportunity to showcase sustainable

1 practices, demonstrate environmental leadership, and provide
2 educational opportunities for its nearly 800,000 annual visitors.

3 (2) Operations at the State Capitol Building must become more
4 sustainable, with all of its tenants focused on efforts to foster and
5 promote energy efficiency, water conservation, reductions in
6 greenhouse gas emissions, waste diversion and recycling,
7 improvements in indoor air quality, expansion of renewable energy
8 sources, the purchase of environmentally friendly products, and
9 other sustainable practices.

10 (3) The California State Assembly has implemented a number
11 of these practices already, including replacing existing computer
12 monitors with more energy-efficient flat screens, purchasing
13 recycled content carpeting and other recycled products; using low
14 volatile organic compound paints, electronically distributing
15 specific documents, and upgrading the fuel efficiency of the vehicle
16 fleet through the purchase of hybrids. These activities save the
17 Assembly money and protect the environment; however, clearly
18 more can be done to improve sustainable practices in the State
19 Capitol Building.

20 (4) The State Capitol Sustainability Initiative (SCSI) was
21 announced on Earth Day in 2008, with the objectives of decreasing
22 electricity and water usage in the State Capitol Building and
23 increasing recycling efforts and the overall sustainability of the
24 State Capitol Building.

25 (b) It, therefore, is the intent of the Legislature that the Assembly
26 partner with the Senate, the Office of the Governor, and the Office
27 of the Lieutenant Governor to establish a SCSI Task Force to
28 further the sustainability practices at the State Capitol Building
29 and enter into a memorandum of understanding to develop a
30 coordinated SCSI strategy for the State Capitol Building.

31 (c) It is the intent of the Legislature that initial activities of the
32 SCSI Task Force include efforts to accomplish the following:

33 (1) Join the California Climate Action Registry to determine,
34 track, and offset the carbon footprint of the State Capitol Building.

35 (2) Benchmark and track building operations, such as energy
36 and water use.

37 (3) Increase the overall fuel economy and fuel diversity of the
38 vehicle fleet.

39 (4) Improve waste diversion practices, such as material and
40 electronic waste recycling, composting, and reusing materials.

- 1 (5) Invest in energy efficiency and water conservation
2 technologies.
- 3 (6) Promote environmentally preferable purchasing, such as the
4 purchase of various green and recycled content products.
- 5 (7) Incorporate renewable energy, such as solar technology,
6 into building operations.
- 7 (8) Integrate sustainable practices into building operations, such
8 as double-sided copying, the use of low volatile organic compound
9 paints, integrated pest management, and electronic distribution of
10 certain documents.
- 11 (9) Partner with the utility companies, labor organizations,
12 environmental groups, federal and local government, and private
13 industry to develop green demonstration projects.
- 14 (10) Seek a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design
15 (LEED) or ENERGY STAR rating, or both.
- 16 (11) Develop public education materials on sustainability for
17 student groups and other visitors to the State Capitol Building.
- 18 (12) Finalize the Capitol Park Master Plan.
- 19 (13) Undertake demonstration projects that showcase sustainable
20 technologies and practices in building operations.